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WHY DORDT IN 1959?

ON TO DENVER



Dordt College Choir prepares to leave the campus, Thursday, April 9, on its annual spring concert tour.

Choir Completes Successful Tour

For the second year in a row, the Executive Board of Dordt sent out a 59 member corps of sales personnel with the avowed purpose of winning friends and influencing people for the cause of Dordt College. And for the second year in a row this sales force has been able to report: Mission Accomplished.

Yes, the Choir went out, and the Choir returned, leaving a sequence of victories in its path. The 57 voice choir, accompanied by Mr. De Boer the director and Rev. Haan, Dordt's president-elect, left the campus on April 9 and did not return until the evening of April 15. In the meantime it had sung five concerts in four different states and had traveled some 1500 miles through five states. The choir sang for capacity audiences wherever it went, and was enthusiastically received by our people.

The itinerary this year included New Holland, South Dakota, follow-

ed by a stop at Fort Randall Dam on the Missouri River; Dispatch, Kansas, and a look at the heart of the wheat country; Denver, Colorado, and the magnificence of the Rocky Mountains with Pikes Peak, Mount Evans, and Longs Peak, Lookout Mountain, the Red Rocks, Central City, etc.; Luctor, Kansas, and a taste of the world's best food and drinking water; and Sioux City where some of us received the warmest reception of all.

What about next year? Three matters should be mentioned. First, Mr. Dale Grotenhuis will be the new director of the choir. Second, of the 57 members of the Choir, 33 will be leaving Dordt via graduation and teacher appointments, which means that there will be many opportunities in all sections of the choir for new members. Third, plans are already in the making for a spring tour which may point the noses of those sleek Greyhound busses toward the great Northwest.

CLOSING EXERCISES

TO HELD MAY 28

Beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, on May 28, forty-eight sophomores will formally finish their academic programs at Dordt College.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Rev. John B. Hulst, pas-

tor of the First Christian Reformed Church of Orange City. Special music will be provided by Mr. Bill Nibbelink, freshman tenor soloist, and the girls' trio consisting of Misses Marian De Jong, Dorothea Nibbelink, and Janice Jouwstra.

Of the forty-eight participants, fourteen are completing a General Course, four a Pre-Seminary Course, and twenty-eight a Teacher-Training Course of study.

BECAUSE Dordt is solidly committed to a God-centered educational program that would bring the illumination of God's Word into all areas of human thought and life.

BECAUSE Dordt students will find their spiritual life sustained and enriched by the college chapel services, spiritual counseling and by a full church life through the active interest of the two Sioux Center Christian Reformed churches where they will also be welcomed into all the youth activities.

BECAUSE Dordt offers a solid core of two-year college studies that will furnish the foundation for a wide range of advanced studies and career interests. The two year program at Dordt has the approval of the Iowa Committee on Secondary School and College Relations so that the work at Dordt is readily accepted for credit elsewhere.

BECAUSE Dordt is a smaller school she presents greater opportunities for closer student faculty relations and a maximum participation by the student in all phases of college life.

BECAUSE Dordt facilities are designed to serve the college student's every need. Pleasant classrooms, a constantly expanding open-stack library with access to the Iowa Traveling Library, science laboratory, gymnasium-auditorium with full stage, dining commons, student lounge, and between-meal snack privileges.

BECAUSE Dordt's costs are generally less than the going rates elsewhere. The average tuition at Dordt is \$135.00. Good room accommodations can be obtained for only \$4.50 and a full schedule of fine meals for the entire week costs only \$9.00. Rates are reduced for those who spend the weekends at home.

BECAUSE Dordt furnishes the student a full program of social and entertainment activities designed to enrich the student's life socially and culturally. The Faculty Student Activity Committee supervises a regular schedule of student entertain-

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... In Music

The Department of Music, beginning with the fall semester of 1959, will be in charge of Professor Dale Grotenhuis. Mr. Grotenhuis will join the faculty in September, 1959. He is a graduate of Calvin College, and has done post-graduate study at both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. He plans to receive a master's degree in music education during the summer of 1959 from Michigan State. Mr. Grotenhuis has taught music and has directed musical ensembles at both Lynden Christian High School, Lynden, Washington, and at Unity Christian High School, Hudsonville, Michigan. He has done distinguished work not only in teaching and band and choral direction, but in the field of creative music as well. He has written six sacred anthems for mixed choruses and an Easter cantata. He is well known as the composer of Calvin College's "Alma Mater Song" and the "Calvin March."

The Courses

The addition of Mr. Grotenhuis to the faculty means that a program of classroom music can now begin, which could not be offered on this scale before. On the freshman level a basic music course sequence, Music 103, 104, known as Theory and Harmony, will be offered. Beginning with the fall of 1960, on the sophomore level, the freshman sequence will be followed by Music 203, 204, or Advanced Theory and Harmony, if there is sufficient student demand. This precisely means that at Dordt a student will be able to begin the necessary work required toward a bachelor of art's degree with a major in music.

Beginning with the fall of 1959, Mr. Grotenhuis will also teach a sequence of courses on the sophomore level, both of which are designed, chiefly, to meet the needs of the grade school teachers. These are Music 201, or The Elements of Music, followed by Music 202, or Elementary School Music. One, or both may be elected by the second year student.

Ensembles

The Dordt College A Cappella Choir was established in 1955, the same year the college was founded. The choir studies representative works in the field of choral music, and a limited number of selections are prepared for concert performance. Choir membership is open to all who meet the demands of voice and musicianship. One hour of credit is offered for each semester, which could be applied toward a degree in music from a four year



Dale Grotenhuis

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institution. Each year the A Cappella Choir presents a number of sacred concerts in the northwest Iowa area, and for the past two years has undertaken an extensive tour during the Spring vacation.

The Dordt College Band so far has been little more than a pep band, which performs at the college's athletic contests. However, with the continued growth of the college, a band may be assembled for concert performance.

Individual student efforts along lines of trios, quartets, and solo work in both the voice and instrumental fields are always encouraged. Fine Arts programs, open to the public, have been arranged to permit fuller student expression.

The annual Dordt College Music Festival is held in the large public school auditorium on the 1st Friday in May. At this time the choirs and some of the bands of the Christian high schools in the Mid-west: Pella, Southwestern (Edgerton), Central Minnesota (Prinsburg), Dakota Christian (New Holland), Denver, Western (Hull), and Dordt College perform individual choir selections, then join forces, with band accompaniment, for several mass chorus selections. This festival provides an opportunity for the high school student to visit the campus and observe the college at first hand.

Music in the Community

Each year the Sioux County Chorus has presented Handel's "Messiah" at Christmas time. This is a cooperative community effort which all

Dordt students are urged to participate in, if they meet the requirements of voice and musicianship.

The Sioux County Concert Association is another cooperative effort to attract to the county outstanding, nationally known musical artists. The concerts are presented at the nearby campus of Northwestern Junior College in Orange City. Students are given special price privileges for ticket purchases.

The Challenge

Obviously, then, because of 1) the qualified faculty, 2) the fundamental course offerings, 3) the variety of activities, 4) the size of the student enrollment which permits the greatest opportunities for student participation, and 5) the intimate, spiritual atmosphere the result of Calvinistic orientation, Dordt College ought to be seriously considered.

... In Dramatic Productions

Students interested in drama will find ample opportunity for expression in the activities of the Drama Club.

In the fall a three-act play is pre-

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sented with performances locally and in other communities where there is an interest in the college. In the spring two one-act plays are produced to vary the dramatic fare.

Anyone with an interest in the various phases of dramatic production can become a member of the Drama Club. Whereas the whole gamut of college activities will greatly benefit by the stage addition to the auditorium, the progress is viewed with special interest by the Drama Club as the new facility will give a much greater flexibility in the choice of plays as Dordt drama productions will not have to be sandwiched into the schedule of activities of the public auditorium of Sioux Center. Those with artistic and construction abilities will find exercise for their talents in the creation of original sets for Dordt.

... In Athletics

Physical Education at Dordt follows a unique pattern. The first semester is normal with an attempt to provide physical education classes at least twice a week for each stu-

dent. During these classes basketball, volleyball, indoor softball, and various other games are played. Whenever weather permits we participate in such outdoor activities as softball, touch football and soccer.

Because of Dordt's intimate size, we are able to shift the second semester into a very complete intramural program. Each student, in order to obtain his physical education requirement for the second semester, must participate in at least three of the active sports and two of the less active. The more active tournaments include volleyball, bowling (at the local alleys), softball and track events. There is also competition in badminton, ping pong, shuffleboard, and horse shoe pitching.

There is a men's and women's division of each of the tournaments. Also many of the sports are played singles or doubles. There is a point system used to determine the best all around athlete of each division and awards are given.

Included in the physical education program is a semester course for sophomore teacher training students. This course gives the students opportunities to lead the other members of the class in games and activities which could later be used in their

cause of the intimate, friendly faculty-student relationship in which Dordt takes due pride.

The students need the faculty. Because of the independence which necessarily characterizes study at college, freshman students often feel a sense of lostness. At Dordt the intimacy of the atmosphere soon leads the students to realize that their instructors are genuinely interested in their successes and failures. Students often need sympathetic encouragement and the faculty stands ready to give it.

... In Science and Mathematics

The twentieth century differs from all those preceding it in the accelerated growth of scientific knowledge. No one knows when or where this growth will terminate. We at Dordt share the conviction that a well educated person should not know merely the technical details of a scientific invention, but that he should also have some awareness of the development of a few of man's greatest achievements. To implement this we have set up our science and mathematics program. The board has also seen to it that we have suitable laboratory facilities, and improvements are being made each year.

At present our chemistry laboratory program is off to a fine start. Our equipment enables us to perform experiments, many of which involve precise measuring and weighing. Can you imagine the thrill of weighing a quantity of material to within one four-millionth of a pound? Indeed, less than a grain of sugar influences a weighing such as this.

In this atomic age we often wonder about radioactivity, fall out, and related phenomena. To study these interesting phenomena we have a Geiger counter and radio-active sources to demonstrate many aspects of radioactivity. We hope to add

But the faculty needs the students, too. The members of the faculty are well qualified for their respective fields and constantly manifest a professional interest in improving themselves academically. The faculty realizes, however, that the students often contribute as much to faculty growth and understanding as does reading and research. Therefore informal contact over the coffee cup is often found to be bracing, stimulating, and therefore profitable intellectually.

to this a collection of instruments loaned by the Office of Civil Defense. With these instruments we will be able to answer many of your questions about nuclear energy.

The biology laboratory equipment includes microscopes that open up to us a world otherwise hidden. a world of cells and bacteria, of algae and protozoa. We will be adding some demonstration equipment to enable many biological principles to be made clear. Our biology course gives teacher-training students needed background to teach elementary science, and at the same time will include enough material to enable others to take advanced work in biology if they so desire.

Dordt's mathematics program includes offerings in the various math fields leading to the calculus.

We also offer a course in survey physical science. This course is designed for those students whose main interest lies in fields other than the natural sciences. This is a non-laboratory course and our plan is to add sufficient demonstration equipment to illustrate and make plain the principles involved in the physical world.

We plan to add second year biology and chemistry and introductory physics soon.

... In Courses of Study

Dordt College offers programs of studies of three types. They are the General College Courses, the Pre-Seminary Course, and Teacher Training preparation.

In the General College Course a student may follow the courses usually completed in the first two years of a four year college program. In the first two years a student may complete the basic requirements in language, Bible, English, history, speech, and science. In addition the student is able to take additional courses in English, mathematics, history, science, etc. which apply toward his major and minor fields.

The Pre-Seminary Course has been set up to fit the course as set up by Calvin College. Thus a student in his first two years at Dordt College completes the same courses as the Calvin program. At the end of two years he can transfer to the junior year at Calvin College.

Dordt College also offers several types of teacher training work. For those who plan to work toward the A. B. in education, the course is similar to the general college program with the addition of general psychology and educational psychology. This program allows the student to transfer to a regular education pro-

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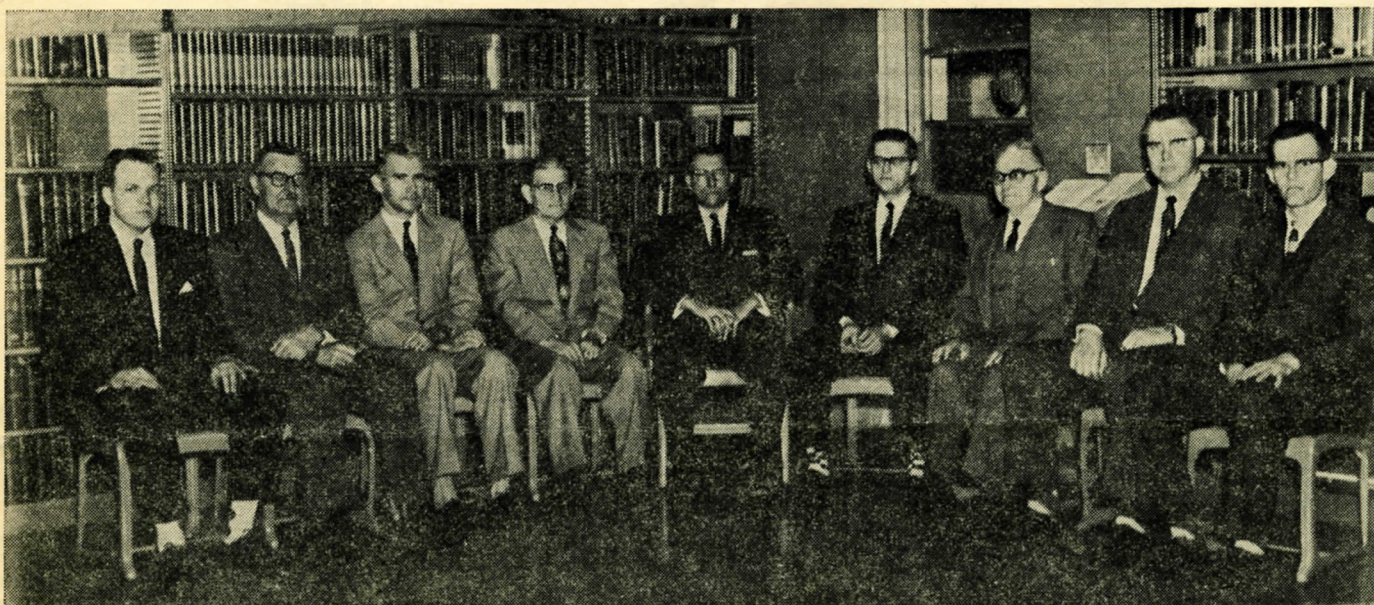
Intercollegiate sports are focused on basketball. Our 1958-1959 season may be considered successful. Our overall season record was 11 wins and 7 losses. We were able to win our first game in the state junior college tournament at Webster City, but were defeated by a powerful Grand View (Des Moines) team in the second round. We won our first trophy in the South Dakota State Aggies invitational tournament.

We hope within the next two years to begin Junior College competition in track events either at Worthington, Minnesota, or at Forest City, Iowa. It is also expected that Junior College interest in softball will enable us to participate in this sport also on the intercollegiate level in the near future.

... In Faculty-Student Relations

One of the best reasons why a young person, facing the choice of college, ought to choose Dordt is be-

Dordt College Faculty 1958-59



From left to right: Messrs. De Boer, Van Til, Zinkand, Van Schouwen, President Haan, Ribbens, Van Beek, De Young, and Sjoerdsma.

... To Study With A Qualified Faculty

Peter P. De Boer, instructor in English, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, an A.M. degree in Social Studies from Montclair State College, has done graduate work in English at Montclair, and is presently working toward an A.M. in American Civilization (English) from the State University of Iowa.

Nick R. Van Til, instructor in History and Philosophy, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, an A.M. degree in Philosophy and an A.M. degree in History from the University of Michigan, and has done graduate work in History at both the University of Michigan and the State University of Iowa. Mr. Van Til will be visiting lecturer at Westmar College, Lemars, Iowa, during the summer of 1959.

John M. Zinkand, instructor in languages, has an A.B. degree from Wheaton College, an A.M. degree from Johns Hopkins University, a B.D. degree from Westminster Seminary as well as a Th. M. degree, and a Ph.D. degree in Near-Eastern Studies (linguistics) from Brandeis University.

Rev. Cornelius Van Schouwen, instructor in Bible and Psychology, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, is a graduate of Calvin Seminary, and has an M.S. degree in Education from the University of Indiana.

Douglas C. Ribbens, instructor in Education, Director of Instruction, Registrar, and Director of the Library, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College and an A.M. degree in Education from the University of

Chicago. Mr. Ribbens will be visiting lecturer at Calvin College during the summer of 1959.

Peter Van Beek, instructor in languages, has an A.B. degree from the University of Michigan, an A.M. degree in General Linguistics from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. degree in General Linguistics from the State University of Iowa.

Marvin De Young, instructor in Chemistry and Biology, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, has done graduate work in science and Education at Northern State Teachers College, and is presently working toward an A.M. in Chemistry at the State University of South Dakota. Mr. De Young received a National Science Foundation stipend for summer graduate study in 1957, and has received a similar award for the summer of 1959.

Theodore J. Sjoerdsma, instructor in mathematics and physical education, has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, and has done graduate work in mathematics at Michigan State University where he is working toward an A.M. degree in Mathematics. Mr. Sjoerdsma received a National Science Foundation stipend for summer graduate study in 1958, and has received a similar award for the summer of 1959.

... IN COURSES OF STUDY

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gram in his junior year.

For the students who complete their two year teacher training program in June of 1959, Dordt College has established a course of studies

which leads to the Iowa Professional Commitment Certificate. This approved program gives broad educational background in addition to a number of courses in education and practice teaching.

Students who enter Dordt College in September 1959 will no longer be able to receive the Professional Commitment Certificate. However, the temporary certificate will be granted upon the completion of 75 hours of college work.

To provide for the needs of those students who work for the temporary certificate, Dordt College will continue to offer a 63 hour two-year teacher-training program. In addition to these 63 hours the student can acquire 12 hours of credit in a summer session at a four year institution which agrees to recommend Dordt students for the temporary certificate arrangements.

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ment. In addition special student rates are available for the Sioux County Community Concerts which brings fine musical talent into the area.

BECAUSE Dordt College is located in the progressive town of Sioux Center which has a fully equipped modern hospital, adequate shopping facilities, all hard surfaced roads, well lighted streets, police and fire protection, parks, bowling alleys, modern motel, laundromat, and a Civic Club that is alert to the mutual interest of the college and the community.